

Whitehall, May 2, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to—

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Francis Thomas De Grey, Earl Cowper, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Donald James, Baron Reay, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire ;

The Right Reverend Bishop Barry, Doctor in Divinity, Canon of Our Collegiate Church or Free Chapel of Saint George in the Castle of Windsor ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir Lyon Playfair, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Laws ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Scovell Savory, Baronet, one of Our Surgeons Extraordinary ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Murray Humphry, Knight, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Laws, Professor of Surgery in Our University of Cambridge ;

Our trusty and well-beloved George Gilbert Ramsay, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Professor of Humanity in Our University of Glasgow ;

Our trusty and well-beloved George Forrest Browne, Clerk, Bachelor in Divinity, Canon of Our Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in the City of London, Honorary Fellow of Saint Catharine's College, and Disney Professor of Archaeology, in Our University of Cambridge ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Sidgwick, Esquire, Doctor in Letters, Professor of Moral Philosophy in Our University of Cambridge ;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Scott Burdon Sanderson, Esquire, Master of Arts, Waynflete Professor of Physiology in Our University of Oxford ;

Our trusty and well-beloved James Anstie, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Ralph Charlton Palmer, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, one of the Lord Chancellor's Visitors in Lunacy ; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Gerald Henry Rendall, Esquire, Master of Arts, Vice-Chancellor of the Victoria University ; Greeting !

Whereas certain Petitions were presented unto Us praying for a Charter for a Teaching University in London, and for the power of granting degrees in certain cases ; which Petitions were referred to Our Privy Council and subsequently to a Royal Commission appointed to make inquiry whether any and what kind of new University or powers is or are required for the advancement of Higher Education in London :

And whereas the said Royal Commission in their report to Us expressed their opinion that the general case for a Teaching University in London had been proved, but did not come to a conclusion as to the form or constitution of such Teaching University :

And whereas the said Royal Commission recommended unto Us that a reasonable time should be allowed to the Senate and Convocation of the University of London to consider whether they would apply to Us for a New Charter,

extending the function and duties of the said University of London to Teaching, and effecting other changes in the constitution of the said University :

And whereas a long period of time was allowed, and no such application to Us was made :

And whereas after the expiration of such period a Committee of Our Privy Council had the said Petitions before them, and heard such opponents thereof as duly appeared :

And whereas, in accordance with the Statute, the Petitions and a Draft Charter for the Gresham University, founded thereon, were laid upon the table of each House of Parliament :

And whereas an address from the Knights, Citizens, Burgesses, and Commissioners of shires and burghs, in Parliament assembled, was presented unto Us, praying Us to withhold Our Assent to the proposed Charter for the Gresham University until it shall have been remitted, for further consideration and report ; to such persons as We may be pleased to appoint :

And whereas We, in compliance with such Address, have remitted the proposed Charter unto you, the said Francis Thomas De Grey, Earl Cowper ; Donald James, Baron Reay ; Bishop Barry ; Sir Lyon Playfair ; Sir William Scovell Savory ; Sir George Murray Humphry ; George Gilbert Ramsay ; George Forrest Browne ; Henry Sidgwick ; John Scott Burdon Sanderson ; James Anstie ; Ralph Charlton Palmer ; and Gerald Henry Rendall ; for such further consideration and report :

Now know ye that We, taking the premises into consideration, do authorize you, the said Francis Thomas De Grey, Earl Cowper ; Donald James, Baron Reay ; Bishop Barry ; Sir Lyon Playfair ; Sir William Scovell Savory ; Sir George Murray Humphry ; George Gilbert Ramsay ; George Forrest Browne ; Henry Sidgwick ; John Scott Burdon Sanderson ; James Anstie ; Ralph Charlton Palmer ; and Gerald Henry Rendall ; to consider, and, if you think fit, alter, amend, and extend, the proposed Charter remitted unto you in compliance with the said Address, so as to form, and report to Us, a scheme for the establishment under Charter of an efficient Teaching University for London.

And We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information on the subject of this Our Commission, and also to call for, have access to, and examine, all such books, documents, registers, and records, as may afford you the fullest information on the subject ; and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time, if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the several matters herein submitted for your consideration.